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1. The reasons for allowance is not clear. The concluding part of the reasons (beginning with "therefore" on the next to last line) merely repeats the claim. The specific limitations which impart patentability need to be pointed out. This is particularly true where the interview summary record fails to specify any agreed upon language or any limitations which might impart patentability, in conjunction with the fact that applicant's remarks in the ensuing amendment provide no explanation of the interview or any discussion about why the claims as amended define over the rejection.

3. Note that the Search Query is not annotated.

4. The file is missing the US references to Mahoney and Green.

5. At least claim 1 does not appear to be allowable over old practices in web real estate sales. Claim 1 seems to only require:

- providing a sign
- providing a website
- the seller placing the sign with an ID in his yard
- the seller being given an ID when he logs on or the seller using the ID to input information at the web site.

These limitation appear to be met by the procedures provided on the FSBO Advertising web site found on the wayback machine from Mar 2, 2000 and June 21, 2000. This website allows a seller to place an ad on the internet and purchase a sign with a blank spot for an identifying number, the "Ad#". The seller can update his information on the web for the Ad#. Claim 1 seems to require no more.